



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO: P. - Mr. Habib

FROM: D/HA - Patt Derian

Indochinese Refugee Parole Action - Status Report

The President has approved the Secretary's recommendation that he be authorized to request the Attorney General to develop a parole action for 15,000 Indochinese refugees, 7,000 boat cases and 8,000 others. This decision has been communicated to the Attorney General by the NSC. We understand that the Attorney General feels the law requires him to satisfy himself on certain points before he exercises his discretionary authority. Therefore, the Attorney General will not be making an announcement or notifying members of Congress himself.

However, since the word will probably get out, Frank Moore at the White House will be calling House and Senate Judiciary Chairmen, Senator Eastland and Congressman Rodino.

I notified Congressman Eilberg's office of this decision and indicated our desire to consult with the Congressman fully and to provide whatever information he may require to evaluate this parole action. Others will also be contacting Senator Kennedy and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Committees concerned.

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to Mr. Eilberg.

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We will be preparing a letter from the Secretary to the Attorney General, notifying him of the President's approval of the Secretary's proposal, requesting that he implement a parole action and indicating our readiness to assist in the process of consultations with the Congress.

An Action Memorandum to the Secretary was routed through you earlier today which recommended language to be used by the White House in announcing this decision. This language incorporates a decision to accept a modified version of Congressman Eilberg's proposal for an international conference on Indo-chinese refugees. While we believe it would be counterproductive for the United States to sponsor such a conference, there are policy interests which could be served if it were possible to generate such a conference under broader international sponsorship.

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